(a) whether it is a fact that the post of Chairman, Regional Railway Recruitment Board, Bhubaneshwar, is lying vacant;

(b) if so, since when and the Teasons therefor;

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to till up the post;

(d) whether There is also any proposal to shift the office of this Recruitment Board from Orissa; and

(e) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir. A serving Railway Officer is presently holding charge of the post on *ad hoc* basis.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) *UPSO* have since selected and recommended Shri D. M. Mishra, retired I.P.S. Officer for the above post. Shri Mishra has been issued offer of appointment to the above post on 2-11-1988. The date of Shri Mishra taking over charge
-of the post is, however awaited.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Adult Educational Centres in Orissa

573. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will rne Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Adult Edue ci tron Centres in Cuttack, Kalahandi Phulabani and Korput districts of Orissa;

(b) what are the details of the total annual expenditure incurred thereon during 1986-87 and 1987-88; and

(c) what is the number of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and others, im parted education at these centres district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

National Highways in Andhra Pradesh

574. SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered the proposal forwarded by the Andhra Pradesh Government to include Naidupet—Tirupati-Chittoor road connecting National Highways 5 and 4 as National Highway: and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Owing to resources constraints and other priority considerations, it has not been possible to declare this road as a National Highway.

Passport Offices in Andhra Pradesh

575. SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to set up more passport offices in Andhra Pradesh

(b) if so, what are the details of th- proposal, locations selected and the amoun earmarked for that purpose; and

(c) by when these offices^ arc likely *to* start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (PROF. K. K. TEWARI): (a) to (c) In order to expedite issue of passports commensurate with security and other require -ments, working of the Passport Offices is kept under constant review. This includes measures to streamline and modernise there offices and the possibility of open-ina additional Passport Liaison Offices at various places.